

REMARKS

Pursuant to the present amendment, claims 26 and 29 have been amended and claims 27 and 28 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1, 3-7, 14-15, 17-19, 26, 29 and 32-42 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action:

- (1) Claims 32-41 were indicated to be allowed;
- (2) Claims 1, 3-7, 14, 15 and 17-19 (as submitted in the Response to Final Office Action Dated June 9, 2006) would be allowable; and
- (3) Claims 28 and 29 (among others) were objected to.

Pursuant to the present amendment, independent method claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations from allowable dependent claim 28. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 26 and 29 are in condition for immediate allowance.

It is believed that claim 42 was inadvertently not addressed by the Examiner in the Advisory Action. In Applicants' previous response (Response to Final Office Action Dated June 9, 2006), independent claim 42 was added to present allowable dependent claim 5 in independent form. Thus, it is believed that claim 42 is in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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